

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of February 13, 2006 to order at 6:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Kathi Thurston, Heath Higgins, Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson and Town Manager Millard Billings.

Members of the public present were Scott Phelps, Peter Homer, Natasha Watson, Nancy Thurlow, Mark Good – Islander, Lisa Young, Ben Hodgdon, Rob Liebow, and Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Scott Grierson suggested talking to the State Biologist Tom Schaeffer, who was talking to the Deer Heard Management Committee. Town Manager Millard Billings said no one from CES would be at this meeting and suggested moving 6. A. toward the end.

Motion made by Selectmen Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectmen Heath Higgins, to move 6. A. to 8. B. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Motion made by Selectmen Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectmen Heath Higgins, to accept the minutes of February 6th as written. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 92 \$ 4,205.46

Warrant 93 13,194.90

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept Warrants 92 and 93. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGENDA ITEM 6. B. SCHOOL

1. RENTAL AGREEMENT

The School Board submitted a draft of the School's Proposal for the Memorandum of Understanding/Lease. Selectman Charlie Dillon asked to

have paragraph 5, sentence 1 amended from *per year thereafter* to *for the next four years* (see attached).

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the School on this date as amended. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

2. SPACE ISSUES

Rob Liebow, Superintendent of Union 98, explained that there has been a change in the predicted number of students starting Kindergarten next year. The new projection is between 16 and 18 students. Mr. Liebow gave the Selectmen the new reasons the School would like to have the old Town Office space (see attached).

3. 2006-2007 BUDGET

Mr. Liebow gave the Selectmen a new budget that does not include a new Kindergarten teacher or associated costs (see attached). He and Nancy Thurlow went over the new budget for the Selectmen explaining the numbers.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to leave the agenda and move to 10. Other to talk to Tom Schaeffer. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Chairman Scott Grierson asked Tom Schaeffer if there was some other way of managing the deer heard in town then opening hunting, such as depredation permits. Mr. Schaeffer explained depredation permits only removed specific animals; the permits do not manage populations. Some other alternatives are archery season, expanded archery season, sharp-shooting service or special hunts. Mr. Schaeffer advised the residents to contact the Warden's office if they need a depredation permit. Chairman Grierson asked how to find the data on Limes Disease and other animal associated diseases. Tom Schaeffer suggested talking to Dr. Peter Rand on the incidences of Limes Disease Island wide.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to leave Other and go back to the agenda. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

B. AGENDA ITEM 6. C. CEMETERY

Town Manager Millard Billings reminded the Board that at the last meeting they had asked him to contact MMA and find out about the Town mowing private cemeteries. MMA referred Town Manager Billings to State Statue #5723 Municipal Financing, Public Works section. Public Cemeteries can be maintained if created before 1880 and care for graves of Veterans and the walls around the cemeteries they are buried in. Chairman Scott Grierson stated he did not want to vote to stop mowing private cemeteries; he felt the town should vote on it.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL BUDGET

Town Manager Millard Billings let the Selectmen know that the Warrant Committee had acted on more of the Third Party Requests for 2006. Westside Community Nursery School and Harbor House were present to answer the Selectmen's questions. Town Manager Billings explained the Warrant Committee had asked him to see if Town money could be used for a non-profit business. MMA said the Town has the authority to vote public funds for a non-profit business if the business is servicing the public.

Chairman Grierson asked Lisa Young about the Westside Community Nursery School. She explained that they are one of the few Nursery Schools left. And that they had closed temporarily to regroup and reform to come back stronger.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to place Westside Community Nursery School's request on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the Select Board recommends passage. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

The Selectmen asked Natasha Watson questions pertaining to Harbor House Youth Services. She explained they provide services for grades 6th through 10th and they're open from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. The program is new and this is the first time they have asked for funds.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put Harbor House Youth Services on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Select Board recommends passage. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Scott Phelps explained there were 38 Tremont kids in the program last year.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to put the Harbor House Community Center's request on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request of \$10,000.00. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put the Southwest Harbor/Tremont Nursing Service's request on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the Selectmen recommend passage of the \$28,034.00 request. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put Island Connections on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen recommend passage. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to put the Hospice request on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request of \$150.00. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put Downeast Health Services on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to place the Island Explorer Bus on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request of \$3,000.00. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put Washington Hancock Community Agency on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen recommend passage of the request of Washington Hancock Community Agency. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to put the Downeast Transportation's request on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request of \$198.00. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, to put Downeast Horizons on the Warrant. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Kathi Thurston, that the Selectmen recommend passage of their request (\$1,600.00). Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen if they wanted to stay with the figure the previous Board had come up with as the cut off for the Town snow plowing the Town roads. He suggested the Public Works Department, six part time snow plow drivers and the Harbor Master the Town could do the roads for less then the estimated \$100,000.00 a year. Selectman Charlie Dillon felt with the New Town Office there was enough to worry about.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Jessica Dammon of DEP said aerial photographs scaled to show 7.2 acres would be okay (see attached).
2. Correspondence from Army Corps concerning Dredge Project (see attached).
3. Fidelity Investments 2005 earned \$8,346.30.

Motion made by Selectman Heath Higgins, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to move the money to the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Money Market Account. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

4. Northwood Kenway, a Gott's Island resident, was upset because he knew nothing about the Town considering buying property in Bass Harbor to use as a parking lot. He felt that he was one of the few tax paying residents and should have been informed

9. AGENDA ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS A. UPDATE NEW TOWN OFFICE

After discussing the bid specs CES had delivered for the new Town Office the Selectmen had many changes they want to see and felt the specs were inadequate. They asked to have CES come for a Workshop to discuss the bid specs.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, that the bid specs are inadequate for bidding purposes. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

The Selectmen felt that CES needed to simplify the bid packet – delete what will not be bid on at this time and specify what products the Selectmen have chosen to go into the New Town Office.

10. AGENDA ITEM 9. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

A Workshop needs to be scheduled with CES on February 15, 2006 at 4:00 pm.

11. AGENDA ITEM 10. OTHER

None

12. AGENDA ITEM 11. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Workshop on February 15, 2006 – meeting on March 6, 2006

13. AGENDA ITEM 12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectmen Heath Higgins, with second by Selectmen Charlie Dillon, to adjourn. The motion passed by a show of hands 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbi Nickerson

Scott Grierson

Kathi Thurston

Charlie Dillon

Heath Higgins